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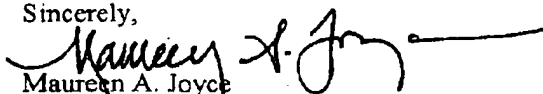
Subject: **Deficiency Maintenance Fee Payments for
U.S. Patent Numbers: 6939632; 6937350; 6939850;
6881560; 6291321; 6943968; and 6281015**

Dear Examiner Bangura,

Kindly reference the attached documents. We initially attempted to apply a supplemental maintenance fee payment as reflected via the attached Maintenance Fee Transmittal Forms (2) dated June 3, 2009. Subsequently, we received you Notice of Non-Acceptance of Patent Maintenance Fee for each patent referenced. Upon receipt I spoke with you directly and you advised to re-submit payment and annotate accordingly the additional payment. As such, I respectfully request your consideration for the Deficiency Payment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28 (c) for each of the above-referenced payments.

Please let me know if you require anything additional of me. I thank you for your time and consideration with this effort.

Sincerely,


Maureen A. Joyce
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Item	Patent Number Column 1	U.S. Application Number (e.g., 09/553,635) Column 2	Maintenance Fee Amount (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g)) Column 3	Surcharge Amount (37 CFR 1.20(h)) Column 4	Payment Year (select one below) Column 5		
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OFFICE OF PETITIONS**Applicant:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology**Serial No.:** 09/888243**Filed:** 22-Jun-2001**Patent No.:** 6939850**Issued:** 06-Sep-2005**Title:** ALTERED HUMAN INTERLEUKIN-1BETA CONVERTASE (ICE), NEDD-2,
AND C. ELEGANS CED-3 POLYPEPTIDES AND USES THEREFOR**DEFICIENCY PAYMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.28 (c)**

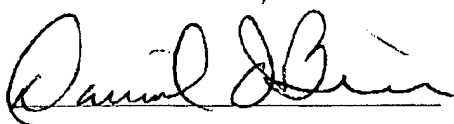
Applicant had previously established in good faith status as a small entity and paid maintenance fee as such. It was subsequently discovered that such status was established in error. Applicant submits herewith a deficiency payment of \$490.00, which represents the deficiency owed for the referenced maintenance fee. The deficient payment is itemized as follows:

Type of Fee	Date	Small Entity Fee Paid	Current Large Entity Fee	Deficiency
4th Year Maintenance Fee	March 6, 2009	\$490.00	\$980.00	\$490.00

The Office is hereby authorized to charge \$490.00 to Deposit Account No. 192553 in payment of the above-referenced deficiencies.

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REGARDING PATENT NUMBER: 6939850

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- ☐ 2. The patent expired on _____. See "Patent Expiration" section below.
- ☐ 3. The fee was paid too early. See 37 CFR 1.366(b). Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.362(d), the payment window will open for the above-identified patent on _____.
- ☐ 4. Your payment was not sufficient to cover the maintenance fee and any required surcharge for the above-identified patent. An additional amount of \$ _____ is/was required.
- ☐ 5. The above-identified patent was reissued. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.366(d), the reissue patent number and reissue application number must be provided.
- ☐ 6. The payment did not include corresponding patent and application numbers, and was not specially accepted.
- ☐ 7. The above-identified patent is not subject to maintenance fees. No maintenance fees are due on utility patents filed before 12/11/80. No maintenance fees are due on design patents or on plant patents. See 37 CFR 1.362(a) and (b). (The "Resubmitting Maintenance Fee Payment" and "Patent Expiration" sections below do not apply.)
- ☒ 8. Other: PAID BY: COMPUTER PACKAGES INCORPORATION

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The date the six (6) month "grace period" ends becomes the expiration date of the above-identified patent if the required amount for paying the maintenance fee is not filed in the USPTO by that date. See 37 CFR 1.362(g). Expired patents may be reinstated if a petition as set forth in 37 CFR 1.378 is granted. If the above-identified patent has expired and reason number 5 or 6 above is the only reason indicated for payment non-acceptance, it is possible that the payment may be accepted if resubmitted with a petition as set forth in 37 CFR 1.377, rather than 37 CFR 1.378.

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Michael Bangura (571) 272-6365
Printed Name of USPTO Representative

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